

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 93-503-C - ORDER NO. 94-298 ✓

APRIL 6, 1994

IN RE: Southern Bell Telephone and	) ORDER GRANTING IN
Telegraph Company - Review of	) PART AND DENYING IN
Earnings, Rate of Return and	) PART MOTION TO COMPEL
Rates	)

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina's (the Consumer Advocate's) Motion to Compel Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell or the Company) to answer Interrogatory Nos. 1-37, 1-66, 1-69, and 2-1. Southern Bell has filed a return to the Consumer Advocate's Motion. In addition, the Commission has been informed that, in an effort to resolve the Motion, the Commission Staff (the Staff) has discussed the Motion to Compel and the Company's return with representatives of the Consumer Advocate and Southern Bell. Based on the representations of the Consumer Advocate, Southern Bell, and the Staff, the Commission rules on the Motion to Compel as follows:

Interrogatory No. 1-37 - The Consumer Advocate seeks information regarding the identity of salaries, amounts charged to calendar year 1992 operating expenses, and accounts charged for the Company's registered lobbyists. In its return Southern Bell provided its Lobbyist's Principal Disclosure Statements for 1992. The Commission finds that Southern Bell has now fully answered

Interrogatory No. 1-37.

Interrogatory No. 1-66 - The Consumer Advocate seeks information regarding Southern Bell's 1992 legal expenses. Specifically, the Consumer Advocate seeks a description of the legal services rendered to Southern Bell in order to ascertain whether any of those legal services pertained to lobbying. Since Southern Bell has now provided its Lobbyist's Principal Disclosure Statements for 1992, the Consumer Advocate can compare the listings on the legal invoices provided with the Lobbyist's Principal Disclosure Statements for 1992. After his review, the Consumer Advocate may request additional information on particular legal charges.

Interrogatory No. 1-69 - The Consumer Advocate seeks information regarding officers' salaries in order to determine the level of officers' salaries increases given during the test year. The Company has agreed to provide beginning of test year and end of test year officers' salary expense. This information should satisfy the Consumer Advocate's request.

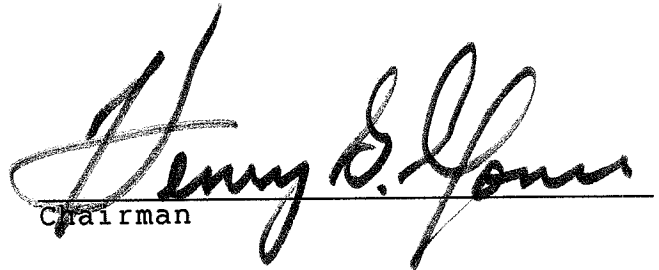
Interrogatory No. 2-1 - The Consumer Advocate seeks the results of Southern Bell's 1991 Embedded Direct Analysis (EDA) Study with customer access delineated as a separate category from local usage. The Consumer Advocate asserts it has a 1987 EDA Study in which customer access revenues and costs are distinguished from local usage. Southern Bell asserts that beginning January 1, 1988 it no longer maintained its accounts in a manner by which it can segregate customer access and local usage in an EDA Study. Since the Company does not maintain the information sought by the

Consumer Advocate, the Commission finds that it would be extremely burdensome to require Southern Bell to segregate customer access and local usage. Therefore, the Commission denies the Consumer Advocate's Motion to Compel Interrogatory No. 2-1.


Southern Bell shall provide all responses mandated by this Order within ten (10) days of its receipt of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Executive Director  
(SEAL)